FERA violations by Industrial Houses

2402. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the number of industrial houses involved in FERA violations during the last three years, and what are the stages of prosecutions against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): A statement containing names of industrial houses, out of top twenty large industrial houses, involved in FERA violation and stages of prosecution, is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 105.]

Affairs of Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited

2403. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any letter from some Members of Parliament regarding the affairs of Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): a) and (b) Letters from some Members of Parliament have been received concerning M/s. Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited. These letters contained suggestions *inter-alia* for taking the management of the company, nationalisation of the company, to provide proper management to company; implementation of the rehabilitation plan in respect of Scindia, etc.

Sale of Scindia Steam Navigation Company

2404. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted the sale of Sindia Steam Navigation Company;

(b) whether Government have been able to recover the loans advanced to M|s. Scindia Steam Navigation Company; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Filling up of SC/ST posts in JCI

2405. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quota of posts reserved for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Jute Corporation of India are filled up as per rules in this regard; and

(b) what is the total number of posts and the percentage of posts held by SC|ST employees/officers grade-wise and division-wise during the last three years year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir. It has not been possible to fill up the entire quota of posts reserved for SC|ST candidates as majority of the staff employed in JCI are required to have working knowledge and experience in purchasing, assortment, grading and bailing of raw jute for which sufficient no. of SC|ST candidates have not been available with requisite experience and knowledge.

(b) Total number of employees and percentage of ST|ST employees thereof in JCI for last three years:

Year	Group-A		Group-B		Group-C		Group-D	
	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	No.	(%)
1985	114	7.9	165	8.5	1124	15 5	286	16 4
1986	116	9 5	174	6.9	1227	16 2	325	15 7
1997	124	9.7	228	14.9	1229	14 7	353	17 8

पाकिस्तान और सूडान से कपास का आयात

2406. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तमिलनाडु ने पाकिस्तान और सूडान से कपास की 30,000 गांठें आयात की हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि राज्य निदेशक, हथकरघा ने सूती धागे के मूल्य में वृद्धि करने का निर्णय लिया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या हथकरघा उद्योग में लगे बुनकरों को सूती धागे के मूल्य में वृद्धि कर दिये जाने के कारण, जिस के विरुद्ध वे पहले ही शिकायत दायर कर चुके हैं, भारी आर्थिक संकट का सामना करना पड़ेगा ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार की इस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम) : (क) हैंक यार्न उत्पादन हेतु हथकरघा क्षेत्र को आपूर्ति के लिये रूई की एक लाख गांठों के आयात के लिये केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा घोषित योजना के अन्तर्गत तमिलनाडु सरकार ने रूई की 29,935 गांठों के आयात का ठेका किया है।

(ख) से (ख) तमिलनाडु सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि राज्य सरकार की "यार्न फार पावर स्कीम" के अन्तर्गत हथकरघा एसोसिएशनों को यार्न की आपूर्ति के लिये समझौते की दरें निश्चित करने के फलस्वरूप तमिलनाडु में "हथकरघा बुनकर" एसोसियेशन द्वारा पहले दिया गया स्ट्राइक नोटिस वापस ले लिया गया है।

Charitable Trusts set up by Large Houses

2407. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some corporate Houses especially the large Houses are violating the income-tax rules on tax exemption on donations and gifts by setting up charitable trusts|educational institutions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some charitable organisations have been set up in the territories where the Income Tax Act is not in force.

(c) if so, how many such charitable organisations have come to the notice of Government so far with the details of the corporate Houses, large Houses and individuals if any associated with such organisations; and

(d) what measures are being taken by Government to stop this type of malpractice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (d) The setting up of charitable trusts|institutions as a device of tax avoidance has been a common practice and the Government is aware of it. The Government is also aware of the fact that the territories of India where Income Tax Act, 1961 is not is force are being used for tax planning devices by